

## THE TIMES DAILY SERIAL STORY

## The Grand Babylon Hotel

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The strange goings on in a big London hotel, which changes hands in rapid transit fashion, characteristic of the American millionaire who comes into possession of it and its mysteries.

## Synopsis of Chapters Already Published

Not long after Theodore Racksole, American millionaire, purchased the Grand Babylon Hotel, in London, he found that he had a "white elephant" on his hands. He was about to get rid of it when he was told that strange things happened in the hotel, much as if it were haunted. He was told that a man named Dimmock, in the service of Prince Albert, uncle of the Grand Duke of Baden, was murdered in one of the rooms. Mr. Racksole dismisses the tales, but the head waiter, of whom he has suspicions, confides in him. He was told that strange things happened in the hotel, much as if it were haunted. He was told that a man named Dimmock, in the service of Prince Albert, uncle of the Grand Duke of Baden, was murdered in one of the rooms. Mr. Racksole dismisses the tales, but the head waiter, of whom he has suspicions, confides in him. He was told that strange things happened in the hotel, much as if it were haunted. He was told that a man named Dimmock, in the service of Prince Albert, uncle of the Grand Duke of Baden, was murdered in one of the rooms. Mr. Racksole dismisses the tales, but the head waiter, of whom he has suspicions, confides in him.

## CHAPTER XV (Continued).

"I was a courageous enterprise on your part to follow Miss Spencer from the Grand Babylon to Osternd, well, I don't need to say an entrance, I might precipitate matters too suddenly, and involve both of us in a difficulty. I merely kept watch."

"Ah, Miss Racksole, you were magnificent with Miss Spencer; as I say, I could hear every word, for the window was slightly open. I felt that you needed no guidance from me. And then she cheated you with a trick, and the revolver came flying through the window."

"I picked it up; I thought it would probably be useful. There was a silence. I did not guess at first that you had fainted. I thought you had escaped."

"When I found out the truth it was too late for me to interfere. There were two men, both desperate; besides Miss Spencer."

"Who was the other man?" asked Nella.

"I do not know. It was dark. They drove away in a taxicab. I followed. Again I followed. I saw them carry you on board."

"Before the yacht weighed anchor I managed to climb unperceived into the dingy. I lay down full length in it, and no one suspected I was there. I think you know the rest."

"Was the yacht all ready for sea?"

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"Then they expected me? How could that be?"

"They expected some one. I do not think they expected you."

"Did the second man go on board?"

"He helped to carry you along the gangway, but came to the door of the carriage. He was the driver."

"And no one else saw the business?"

"The quay was deserted. I think the last steamer had arrived for the night."

"There was a brief silence, and then Nella ejaculated, under her breath: 'Truly, it is a wonderful world!'"

"And it was a wonderful world for them, though, surely, perhaps, in a sense which Nella Racksole had intended."

"They had just emerged from a very disagreeable experience. Among other minor inconveniences, they had had no breakfast."

"They were at sea in a tiny boat. Neither of them knew what the dingy might bring forth. The man at least had the most serious anxieties for the safety of his royal charge."

"And yet—and yet, neither of them wished that that voyage of the little boat on the summer tide should come to an end. Each, perhaps unconsciously, had a vague desire that it might last forever, he lazily pulling, she directing his course at her own sweet will."

"She, in her eyes, surrounded by the glamour of beauty and vast wealth; he, in her eyes, surrounded by the glamour of masculine intrepidity and the brilliance of a throne."

"Is it strange that they should linger on that brief voyage of the little boat of romance to the homely and unpoetical quays of Osternd? Is it strange?"

"But all voyages come to an end, either at the shore or at the bottom of the sea, and at length the dingy passed between the stone jetties of the harbor. The prince rowed to the nearest wharf, tied up the boat and they landed."

"It was 6 o'clock in the morning, and a day of gorgeous sunlight had opened. Few people were about at that hour, and no one seemed to notice their debarkation. When they had landed, they were met by a man in a dark suit, who bowed and then, with a simultaneous movement, gazed out to sea."

"Only a faint smear of smoke was visible on the horizon."

"And now, what next?" asked the Prince. "I must take you to a hotel."

"I am in your hands, my lord, and with a smile which sent the blood racing through his veins."

"He perceived now that she was tired and overworked, suffering from a sudden and natural reaction. He looked around for a carriage, but there was none in sight."

"I will walk," she said. "Let us go along the Digue," and she accepted his arm."

"At the Hotel Wellington the Prince told the sleepy doorman that they had come by the early train from Bruges, and wanted breakfast at once."

"It was absurdly early, but a common English sovereign will work wonders in any Belgian hotel, and in a very brief time Nella and the Prince were breakfasting on the veranda upon chocolate that had been specially and hastily brewed for them."

"I never tasted such excellent chocolate," exclaimed the Prince.

"The statement was wholly untrue, for the Hotel Wellington was not celebrated for its chocolate. Nevertheless, Nella replied enthusiastically, 'Nor I.'"

"Then there was a silence, and Nella, feeling possibly that she had been too ecstatic, remarked in a very matter of fact tone: 'I must telegraph to papa instantly.'"

"Thus it was that Theodore Racksole received the telegram which hurried him away from Detective Marshall."

## CHAPTER XVI.

The Woman With the Red Hat.

"HERE is one thing, Prince. That we have just got to settle straight off," said Theodore Racksole.

"They were all three—Racksole, his daughter, and Prince Albert—seated around a dinner table in a private room at the Hotel Wellington."

"Racksole had duly arrived by the afternoon boat and had met on

## Miss Ruth Halford to Be Married To Lieut. Woodson This Afternoon

Church of the Covenant Will Be Scene of Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Ruth Halford, daughter of Mrs. Halford and the late A. J. Halford, to Lieut. Walter Brown Woodson, U. S. N., will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Church of the Covenant.

Only a small gathering of relatives and friends will be present at the ceremony, for no invitations were issued. The Rev. Oliver S. Dean, of the N. Y. grandfather of the bride, will solemnize the ceremony.

Palms and sprays of clematis will form the floral decorations at the church, and the organist of the church will play an appropriate musical program, including the Lohengrin and Mendelssohn's wedding march.

The bride will be escorted to the altar by her cousin, James Cooper Hood, and will be given in marriage by her mother. Her bridal gown is a handsome empire costume of rich ivory satin with yoke and kimono sleeves of chiffon, with a Marie Antoinette fichu of rose pink lace, which was seen in her family for years, and pearl ornaments on the bodice. Her bridal veil of tulle will be held in place with a coronet of orange blossoms, and she will carry a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and orchids.

Mrs. Frank Halford, wife of Captain Halford, U. S. M. C., sister-in-law of the bride, will be the matron of honor. She will wear a dainty white lingerie and over pink with a black hat trimmed with white plumes, and will carry a cluster of maidenhair fern.

Lieut. Grafton Beall, U. S. N., will act as best man for the bride, and the ushers will be Paymaster Roland W. Schumann, U. S. N., and Lieut. Commander R. W. D. S. N.

Immediately after the ceremony an informal reception for relatives and a few intimate friends will be held at the Brighton Hotel, where the bride and her mother have made their home since their return from Europe, where they spent the summer.

Mrs. Halford, who will receive with the bride couple, will wear a handsome gown of black crepe de chine, trimmed with Brussels net and a black Neapolitan hat.

Leut. Lieutenant Woodson and his bride will leave for a Northern trip, the bride traveling in a handsome tailored suit of brown broadcloth, with a smart brown felt hat. They will reside in Washington upon the conclusion of their trip.

Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding will be Mrs. Mabel Woodson, mother and sister of the bridegroom, of Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. George C. Dean, of Lancaster, Pa.; Mrs. N. Y. aunt of the bride; Mrs. Frank Halford, wife of Captain Halford, U. S. M. C., and the bride's grandfather, the Rev. O. S. Dean, of Pausan, N. J.

Mrs. Halford will send out cards announcing the marriage.

**Mrs. Williams Embarks For Europe.**

Mrs. Norman Williams, who has been abroad all summer, sailed for New York Tuesday, on the Kronprinzessin Cecilie.

Senator and Mrs. George S. Oliver, of Pennsylvania, are in New York for a short stay at the Ritz-Carlton.

**Dr. Rhee and Wife Return To Their Home.**

Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rhee, who spent the last month at Arundel-on-the-Bay, returned to Washington last evening, and have opened their residence on Wyoming avenue for the season.

Mrs. William R. Riley and Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, who have spent the summer on the North Shore, will return to Washington the latter part of the month and open their apartment in the Connecticut.

**Dinner Rings Now The Popular Fad**

Very handsome indeed are some of the new and glittering baubles which new jewelers are showing just now. More in fashion than ever are rings, engagement rings, of course, but rings to wear on the third and fourth fingers especially.

Quite elaborate are the diamond and precious stone rings, which for want of a better name, the jewelers call "dinner rings." Very frequently these represent small fortunes, for diamonds enter largely into their make-up, and they are seldom small in size. Caliber cut stones are new—tiny gems, quantity cut and set in platinum, and for keeping the eye in ring, revealing new lights and brilliancy. One delightful example of the jeweler's art was a handsome combination diamond, emerald, and rubies, set in a curious and intricate design which extended up and down the finger, and was at least an inch and a quarter in size.

Squares in diamonds, small in size and solidly set, with a gleaming gem in the center, are another popular fashion. And very popular and more so than ever during the coronation year are combinations of diamonds and pearls. Great lustre pearls of beautiful shape and size are frequently set in the center and closely surrounded by small but brilliant diamonds.

**Recipe for Famous Japanese Sandwiches**

For Japanese sandwiches use any kind of fish that has been left over, either baked, fried or boiled. Pick out all the skin and bone and shred into small pieces. Put into a saucepan with enough milk or cream to moisten it, a little butter and a bit of pepper. Work into a paste while it is heating, allow it to cool and spread on thin slices of buttered bread.

**Cereal Pudding.**

One pint of left-over breakfast food, oat or wheat, but wheat makes a much more delicate pudding. Two tablespoonsful of butter, two eggs, one-half cup of sugar, add the mush, yolks of the eggs, beat well and add whites beaten stiff. Turn into a buttered dish and bake in a moderate oven over steam. Serve with brown sugar sauce. Cream one-quarter of a cup of butter and cup of brown sugar (free from lumps), thoroughly, add a little milk, and add spoonfuls of cream, flavor with vanilla and heat just to boiling point, but do not let boil. Beat well.

**Walnut Catsup.**

One hundred walnuts, green, picked when about the size of an olive, pound them and press out the liquor, boil it with an ounce of cloves, one ounce of black pepper and one of allspice, half an ounce nutmeg and half an ounce of mace until it becomes a fine clear color; add a gallon of vinegar, two dozen shallots, and one tablespoonful of salt; strain through a coarse cloth, bottle and seal.

**Marshmallow Fudge.**

Two cups of powdered sugar and a cup of cream are brought to the boiling point, gently stirring to prevent burning. Add one-quarter pound of chocolate and stir as needed until melted. Boil for about ten minutes, or until the mixture forms a pretty hard ball in cold water. Now add quickly a tablespoonful of butter, remove from the fire, and beat briskly for ten minutes; then pour in a butter pan containing a mixture of half a pound of cut up marshmallows and a quantity of chopped pecan nut meats. Cut in squares.

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